

WHITE LAKE YACHT CLUB

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By 1897 most of White Lake's bustling sawmills had given way to cottages and small hotels. Promoters advertised the area's cool temperatures as relief from the summer heat of cities and drew thousands of people to the area. During the winter of 1902-3 the White Lake Yacht Club formed. The club hired Chicago architect Robert Rae, Jr. to design the clubhouse, which opened in 1906 with a large ballroom and bays for boats. Membership declined during the 1920s and the White Lake Yacht Club fell into disrepair. In 1925 Henry Sturtevant saved the building, mostly with his own funds, and brought national powerboat races to White Lake. The club reopened with renewed interest and continues to thrive today. Club members sponsored a Michigan Historical Marker in 2006.

Location:	6748 S. Shore Drive, east of Scenic Drive
Applicant/Sponsor:	White Lake Yacht Club
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